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REMARKS

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1. General Situation

a. (1) A correct estimate of the situation of the Soviet troops located in Poland and the Polish-occupied territory of Eastern Germany in the summer of 1949 is made difficult by the lack of information for comparison. On the basis of the above-referred reports of June and July 1949 it may, however, be stated that no alarming changes in the strength of the Soviet occupation forces in Silesia and Pomerania were made in the summer of 1949.

(2) No information is available on Poland proper to contradict the present belief that the Soviet units and installations located there primarily serve supply purposes and for the protection of Soviet lines of communication.

b. (1) The headquarters of the Soviet forces in both Poland and the Polish-controlled area is believed to have been located in LIEGNITZ still in the summer of 1949. This assumption is supported to some extent by a previous report.

(2) Marshal ROKOSOVSKI, CinC of the Northern Group of Forces, attended the WARSAW celebrations on the occasion of the "re-birth of Poland" on 22 July 1949, as was stated in the newspaper "Izvestiya". Other reports mentioned Marshal ROKOSOVSKI in connection with the activities in POTSDAM on 25 July 1949 when among others, a General VERGIN (known as General VERIN and chief of the POTSDAM central kommandantura) was allegedly killed. ROKOSOVSKI had been expected to attend the officer conference in POTSDAM on 25 July 1949. The assumption frequently voiced in newspapers, that Marshal ROKOSOVSKI, besides being CinC of the Northern Group of Forces, is coordinating commander-in-chief of all Soviet forces in Central and Eastern Europe is considered not entirely impossible.

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b. No tank units and only few heavy weapons with infantry units were observed in July 1949. Some of the reported units are believed to have been guard details which remained at the military posts while most of the Soviet units stationed in Pomerania (two divisions?) were presumably at troop training grounds (e.g. GROSS-BORN) in the summer of 1949.

3. Silesia

a. Soviet units, including tank troops, equipped with motor vehicles [redacted] were located in BRIEG in June 1949

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[redacted] The mentioned tank units may have belonged to the second mechanized division of the Sixty-Fifth Army (either the former 108th Rifle Div or the former 186th Rifle Div) which, from previous information, is assumed to be located in the BRESLAU-OPPELN-FRANKENSTEIN area.

b. The LIEGNITZ army headquarters [redacted] is believed to have been the LIEGNITZ Hq of the Northern Group of Forces.

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[redacted] no major Soviet Army units have been stationed in the Upper Silesian industrial area since the beginning of 1949 (last pertinent information on the occupation of Upper Silesia was of mid-June 1949). Soviet tank troops of about two regiments had been stationed there in 1948 [redacted]

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5. Miscellaneous Data

a. Information on railroad traffic in BREST LITOVSK and LODZ as of late July 1949 shows their importance for the Soviet supply operations through Poland.

b. A motor pool or a motor transport unit in STETTIN is believed to belong to a Soviet supply unit with motor vehicles [redacted] known to be located in the Province of Brandenburg.

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c. A detailed report confirmed a Soviet motor vehicle park in the former "Frieske & Hoepfner" aircraft radio engineering plant, BRESLAU-POLANOVIC. Major KOPANCHIK was reported to be chief of the motor vehicle park which has a work force of five hundred and a monthly capacity of about 130 overhauled trucks. It is considered possible that the BRESLAU motor park may be the principal motor park of the Soviet Forces in Silesia.

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